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SUMMARY: GOI SEEKS TO CLARIFY FUTURE DIRECTION AND ORGANIZATION OF RESURGENCE PARTY. MAJORITY OF HUSHANG NAHAVANDI'S GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF IRANIAN PROBLEMS OPPOSE INCORPORATION AS THIRD WING OF PARTY. GROUP'S REPORT TO THE SHAH, CRITICAL OF FORMER POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS RESURGENCE PARTY, ALLEGES THAT RECENT DISTURBANCES ARE RESULT OF LOWER CLASS FRUSTRATIONS AND ANGER AT FALSE PROMISES OF GOVERNMENT. POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN AMOUZEGAR AND NAHAVANDI CONTINUES UNABATED. END SUMMARY.

1. SPECULATION CONTINUES WITH REGARD TO FUTURE DIRECTION AND STRUCTURE OF THE RESURGENCE PARTY. SEEKING TO CLARIFY SITUATION, GOI SPOKESMAN MINISTER HOMAYOUN, FOLLOWING JUNE 26 CABINET MEETING, HELD SPIRITED SESSION WITH LOCAL NEWS REPRESENTATIVES. THE GOVERNMENT'S LINE AT PRESENT, ACCORDING TO HOMAYOUN, CHARACTERIZES THE RESURGENCE AS "THE ONLY POLITICAL PARTY WHICH HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE NATION". HOMAYOUN ADDED THAT WHILE PARTY MEMBERSHIP HAS NEVER BEEN OBLIGATORY, THOSE WHO DECIDE NOT TO REMAIN IN THE PARTY CANNOT EXPECT  
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TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED TO SUGGEST THAT THOSE WHO WISH TO FORM SEPARATE POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS DEPUTIES PEZESHKPORRA AND BANI AHMAD AND THEIR SUPPORTERS, MIGHT BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN NEXT YEAR'S MAJLES ELECTIONS.

2. MEANWHILE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF IRANIAN PROBLEMS, A NAISSANT THIRD WING, AND THE PARTY REMAINS MURKY. HUSHANG NAHAVANDI, PRESIDENT OF THE GROUP, SAID ON JUNE 24 THAT THE GROUP WOULD RETAIN ITS INDEPENDENT IDENTITY WHILE ACTING AS A PARTY WING. HOWEVER, THE GROUP SAYS IT HAS SUBMITTED A LETTER WITH TEN "NON-NEGOTIABLE" DEMANDS TO BE HONORED BY THE PARTY IN ORDER THAT THE GROUP MAY CONTINUE ITS POLITICAL ACTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PARTY. ONE SOURCE IN A POSITION TO KNOW TELLS US THAT THERE ARE IN EFFECT NO SUCH DEMANDS, BUT THAT IS A PRETEXT TO HOLD BACK FROM WING MEMBERSHIP. IT IS CLEAR THAT GROUP'S MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO BE SHARPLY DIVIDED OVER THE QUESTION OF INCORPORATION WITHIN THE PARTY. APPARENTLY AMOUEZGAR'S ANNOUNCEMENT (REFTEL) CAUGHT MOST OF THE GROUP UNAWARE SINCE A MAJORITY HAD OPPOSED GROUP'S TRANSFORMING ITSELF INTO A THIRD WING.

3. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SOME DETAILS FROM THE REPORT WHICH THE GROUP PRESENTED TO THE SHAH HAVE NOW BEEN MADE PUBLIC. REPORT, DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS, IS CRITICAL OF THE FORMER RULING IRAN NOVIN PARTY FOR FAILING TO PROVIDE ANY REAL LEADERSHIP, THUS, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, LEADING THE SHAH TO CREATE THE RESURGENCE PARTY. THIS PARTY IN TURN HAS FAILED TO MEET POLITICAL NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY. REPORT ASCRIBES THIS YEAR'S RIOTS IN PLACES SUCH AS TABRIZ TO LOWER CLASS FRUSTRATIONS AND ANGER RESULTING

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FROM FALSE PROMISES BY THE GOVERNMENT;"ROOTS OF UNREST AND CYNICISM ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE LACK OF TRUE DEMOCRACY AS ORIGINALLY PROMISED BY THE RESURGENCE PARTY."

4. IN THE MIDST OF THIS CRITICAL DEBATE, PARTY APPOINTMENTS INCH ALONG. NO COORDINATOR FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE WING OF THE PARTY HAS YET BEEN SELECTED BUT FOUR POLITICAL BUREAU OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED: MOSTAFA ALAMOUTI AND MRS. FARROKH-LAGHA BABAN AS DEPUTY CHAIRPERSONS (TO AMOUEZGAR) AND HASSAN ALI MOHAGHEGH AND FERISOUN MOTAMED-VAZIRI AS SECRETARIES. STRONGEST RUMOR IS THAT LABOR MINISTER MOINI MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THE WING JOB.

5. COMMENT: INDICATIONS ARE WE ARE WATCHING FIERCE POWER PLAY BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AMOUEZGAR AND EMPRESS SECRETARIAT HEAD NAHAVANDI. LATTER, THROUGH HIS GROUP, HAS DONE HIS BEST TO DISCREDIT AMOUEZGAR'S PERFORMANCE AS PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADER. AMOUEZGAR FOR HIS PART IS ATTEMPTING TO FINESSE NAHAVANDI OUT OF HIS POWERFUL COURT POSITION BY BRINGING HIM WITHIN RESURGENCE ORGANIZATION IN FULL-TIME CAPACITY. MEANWHILE, ON THESE SIDELINES, POTENTIAL INDEPENDENT LEADERS SUCH AS BANI AHMAD ARE CLOSELY WATCHING

GOVERNMENT REACTION TO PEZESHKPOUR'S ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE  
SEPARATE POLITICAL PARTY.  
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